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In re application of:

Jofuku et al.

Application No.: 08/879,827

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For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING
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Examiner: M. Mosher

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 14, 1999, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37, 40, 41, and 45-109 are pending in the present application.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 15, 26, 36, 41, and 46-109 are allowable. The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 24, 35, 40, and 45, under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for allegedly containing new matter. In addition, the Examiner, rejects claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-25, 27-35, 37, 40, and 45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second